Expenses on cultivation in fixing MSP

†4681. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from farmers in the country, demanding to pay special attention to the expenses incurred by them on cultivation, while deciding the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of their produces;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action thereon, so far;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) Representations about the fixation of Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) are received from farmers and due note is taken thereof. The cost of production is the most important factor taken into account by the CACP while formulating its recommendations on price policy of agricultural commodities. The cost of production covers not only paid out costs but also imputed value of owned assets including land and family labour for which the farmers do not incur cash expenses. The Government, while fixing MSPs, duly takes into account the recommendations of the CACP, views of State Governments and concerned Central Ministries alongwith other factors considered important in price fixation.

Output of Agricultural Growth

4682. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's agricultural production for 2001-2002 is set to grow 7.2 per cent;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.